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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the following comments. Claims 1 and 11-16 remain pending in the present application.

Applicant understands from point 3 of the Office Action that the Examiner accepted Applicant's terminal disclaimer and has therefore removed the double patenting rejection. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this removal.

Applicant has canceled Claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer and expressly reserves the right to pursue the same or similar claims in a future related application.

In view of the previously filed and entered Terminal Disclaimer, the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner, and the arguments and amendments presented above, Applicant submits that Claims 1 and 9-16 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his agreement with Applicant's previous comments to the reasons for allowance and Applicant respectfully incorporates those same comments in the instant amendment.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require

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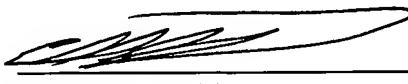
clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Edward A. Schlatter, at (949) 721-2821 (direct line), to resolve such issues promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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